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In re application of:

Valerie FAVIER ET AL.

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For: Procédé et dispositif de configuration de
pare-feu dans un système informatique

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McLean, Virginia

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed contemporaneously with the filing of the subject application. Please amend the claims of the application as indicated below without prejudice in order to be able to reintroduce the subject matter in translated claims.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "l'une des revendications 1 à 3" and replace with --revendication 1--.

N.E. Claim 5, line 1, delete "l'une des revendications 1 à 4" and replace with --revendication 1--.

Claim 6, lines 1 and 2, delete "l'une des revendications 1 à 5" and replace with --revendication 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "l'une des revendications 7 ou 8" and replace with --revendication 7--.